

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN : It is a difficult matter to reply at the moment exactly. Perhaps one per cent.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*) : May I know the number of schools that have not been supplied with standard note books?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN : I made enquiries into the matter even this morning. Practically all the paper received on this account in the press have been utilised for the production of note books. There may be a few persons who have advanced money to the press and are waiting to collect the note books as soon as they are ready in the press. At the moment, there are about 20000 note books awaiting distribution. The note books are not retailed to anybody other than the Headmasters of schools who have to take the responsibility for the number of students on whose behalf they apply. I do not think there is any large body of people waiting just at present for the purchase of note books.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know whether there was a press note that schools will have to use only standard note books?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN : Certainly not Sir ; The use of standard note books is not a compulsory affair. Those who cannot afford any other costly kind of note books may buy such note books at a cost of seven chuckrams each. The other note books cost as much as Rs. 1-8-0 each.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know whether the schools have been informed about the availability of standard note books?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN : Yes Sir.

PRESIDENT : If all the schools decline to purchase the standard note books I will gladly use them for our purpose. If the schools were to say publicly that they do not require such books the Government will be greatly obliged to them.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI : May I know whether the shortage of paper and the difficulties arising therefrom were brought to the notice of Government by the teachers and others?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN : No Sir.

PRESIDENT : That is one of the world phenomenon of the day.

Standard Note Books.

80. *MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the date on which standard note books were distributed among students?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN : The standard note books began to be issued from the Government Press from 3-10-1118.

Scheme for Training in Co-operative principles.

81. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether they have sanctioned any scheme submitted by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies regarding the course of instructions to be given to the officers of the Co-operative Department on principles of co-operation ; and

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, the details of the scheme so sanctioned?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP : (a) No; but a scheme has been sanctioned for training non-official co-operative workers.

(b) Does not arise.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether in the sanctioned scheme regarding the course of instructions to be given, there was any provision for giving instructions to the officers of the department on principles of co-operation?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP : No, Sir. There is provision only for training of people who will be appointed as Supervisors, paid Secretaries of Banks etc.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether the Government have considered the desirability of giving instruction to the subordinates of the co-operative department on principles of co-operation?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP : It may be a useful thing to have refresher courses for officers of the department but the present scheme does not contemplate that.

Paddy Purchase Measures.

82. ***MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether the rule or circular enforcing ryots to sell paddy to Government at the rate of 40 paras and 50 paras per acre in respect of specified extents was found in practice workable (i) in the taluks of Muvattupuzha, Kunnathnad, Thodupuzha and Parur (ii) in any other part of the State; and

(b) whether the above rule is still in force?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (Food Grains Purchase Officer) : (a) (i & ii) Yes. But there were cases in which the quota was reduced on account of the poor yield of the land.

(b) The member is referred to the Government Proceedings dated 16th July 1943.

Kara Committees and purchase of Paddy.

83. ***MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases, if any, in the whole State where the quantity of paddy purchased till 1-10-1118 by the Government from Travancore ryots after Dhanu 1118 was fixed in consultation with the Kara Committees concerned; and

(b) whether such Kara Committees have made any record of their advice?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN : (a) The purchase of quota according to the sliding scale rule is compulsory except in cases where the yield is poor. Hence the Kara Committees are not consulted with regard to the quantities of paddy to be purchased. They are consulted only for the ascertainment of the total produce and the requirement of the ryots. It is not possible to give the number of cases in which such consultation has been made.

(b) In view of the answer to part (a) this does not arise.